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## FARM EXPORTS TO BRITAIN PART FINANCED BY 'ERP'

### WHEAT AND FLOUR AND BACON TAKE 70% OF OUR SHARE

Visit of Sir Stafford Cripps Highlights  
Need to Stimulate British  
Exports to Canada

#### IN OUR FARMERS' INTEREST

Need for Canadian Farmers to Take  
Long-Term Viewpoint Stressed —  
British Recovery Well Advanced

By M. McDOUGALL,  
Press Gallery, Ottawa  
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)  
OTTAWA, Sept. 29th—The extent to which the dollar crisis continues to hold the whip hand in the direction and extent of international trade has never been brought out more clearly than in the visit of Sir Stafford Cripps and his advisors to Ottawa.

ERP is a safety valve to the pressure of the dollar scarcity, and of course, with a change of administration in Washington, there is no absolute guarantee that ERP will fill out its agreed period. It is, of course, most sincerely hoped that it will, as it is not only an invaluable help in the uphill struggle to restore the economy of Western Europe, but here in Canada it helps us to sell our products in the British market.

#### Not Out of Wood

Canada's currency reserve position has greatly improved, but we are not by any means out of the wood. We have still to maintain our restrictions on imports that have to be paid in U.S. dollars or gold, we have to continue to ask for U.S. dollars or gold for our exports to a very large extent at least, and in other ways to build up our gold and U.S. currency reserves.

The "offshore" purchases of ERP have helped Canada to finance its trade with Britain. Nearly 50 percent of the amount that has been authorized under ERP "offshore" commitments has been placed in Canada. A report issued early this month showed that of about \$220,000,000 (\$200,000,000 of this going to export to Britain) used in Canada, over \$100,000,000 was for wheat and flour, \$43,000,000 for bacon. This shows that about 70 percent of the amount available to Canada for Britain was used to cover the export of these two major agricultural product exports. Obviously this assistance has been of the greatest importance to agriculture. Increase in British Exports Imperative

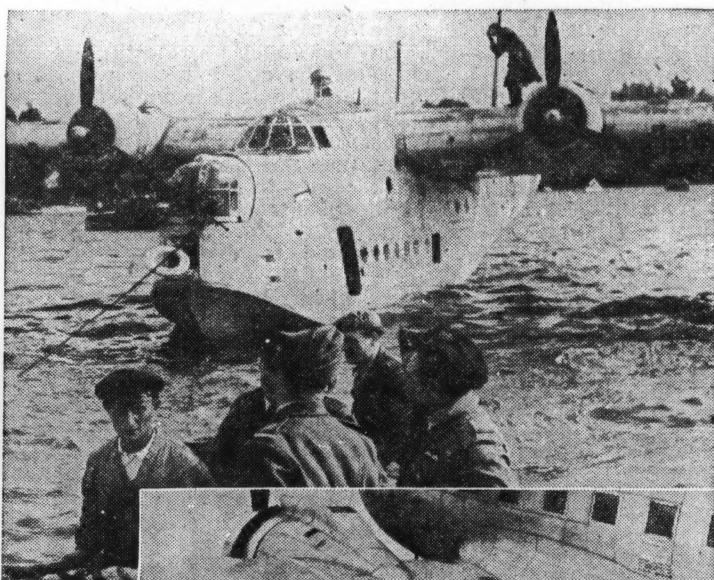
ERP is and has always been recognized as a temporary measure. To get the gap in the exchanges of Britain and Canada to "manageable proportions", it is necessary for Britain to increase its exports to Canada, and every effort will be made to do this, the report on the Ottawa trade talks shows. It is part of the British program, and some progress has already been made. The old pattern of triangular trade between Britain, Canada and the United States will likely return, but it will be in amended form,

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The cash income of Canadian farmers during the first half of this year was \$974 millions.

## Urge Maintenance U.K. Poultry Market

### Airlift Focal Point of World Crisis



As we go to press, the dispute between the U.S.S.R. and the Western group of powers concerning the Berlin blockade which the airlift by fleets of American and British planes is designed to render ineffective, has reached its most gravely critical stage. That the blockade constitutes a "threat to international peace" was the basis of the "urgent" complaint to the United Nations Security Council on Tuesday. Later, the "urgent" clause was withdrawn, and the matter is expected to come before the Council tomorrow (Saturday) or early next week. The picture illustrates an aspect of the British effort in the airlift. Members of an R.A.F. crew are seen (top) leaving their giant Sunderland flying boat by launch after landing the big aircraft on Havel Lake, on the outskirts of Berlin; while (below) German women and a baby carriage go aboard an R. A. F. transport on its return trip after flying in food. Some 45 per cent of the net tonnage of the airlift has been flown by British planes.

### Barley Entries Excellent

Shipments in the National Barley Contest so far this year have been of an unusually high standard, states Professor T. J. Harrison, director. Of 40 earloads shipped in the commercial competition, up to September 15th, at least 95 per cent graded 2 C.W.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is recommending an 8 percent decrease in wheat acreage in that country next year.

During the last year, 263,000 acres have been added to food production in Great Britain; hundreds of acres are being reclaimed from the sea.

### To Sell Britain All Surplus Butter and Cheese to End of 1955

WELLINGTON, N.Z. — New Zealand has concluded an agreement with Great Britain for the sale of all surplus butter and cheese to the end of 1955, prices subject to annual review.

To offset local milk shortages, the British Ministry of Food is having 50,000 gallons of milk flown daily from Northern Ireland.

In France, 2,400 hours has been set as the legal yearly rate for farm labor,

## ALBERTA POULTRY PRODUCERS SEND BRIEF TO OTTAWA

Want Widest Possible British Market  
—Brief Submitted Through Canadian Federation of Agriculture

### WARTIME EXPANSION

Figures Emphasize Export Need —  
"Prerequisites of Continued Prosperity in Phase of Agriculture"

Pointing out that "the United Kingdom at the present time is the only importing country capable of accommodating the full volume of Canada's exportable surpluses," Alberta Poultry Producers Ltd., in a brief submitted to the Dominion Government through the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, expresses the belief that "the Dominion Government bears the responsibility of extending every effort to maintain this particular market on the widest possible scale.

#### Absolutely Essential

"It is considered absolutely essential", states the brief, "that arrangements be made at the earliest opportunity to effect new or renewed contracts on a national scale with foreign importing countries to ensure producers of continuity of outlets at prices continually commensurate with costs of production. Maintenance of present exports and development of new markets are the integral prerequisites of continued prosperity in this phase of the agricultural industry."

The brief contains in tabloid form a survey of the remarkable expansion which has taken place in Canadian poultry and egg production and export since 1933; and particularly since 1939. "In response to the urgent call for food during the war years", it is pointed out, "Canada's poultry registered almost phenomenal increases with respect to both production and export volume, to the extent that the industry has reached a position of major prominence in the nation's agricultural economy."

From 213 million dozen eggs in 1938, Canada's egg production increased to 373 million in 1947, the brief shows; while poultry production increased from 195 million lbs. to 300 million in the same period, and production of approved chicks from 13,291 to 63,352.

#### Exports Show Spectacular Growth

Most spectacular are the figures concerning exports. It is shown that whereas in 1938 the exports of fresh shell eggs was 1,842 thousand dozen, and the total had fallen to 1,274 in 1939, in 1947 the total was no less than 41,550 thousand dozen, with 19,105 oiled in addition. Export of powdered eggs, which began in 1942, with 7,774, totalled 13,656 in 1947. Poultry exports rose from 1,894 in 1938 to 27,271 in 1947.

This combined effort by Canada's producers was not confined to volume alone, the brief shows, but quality also was greatly improved.



# Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

POULTRY AND EGG SPECIAL

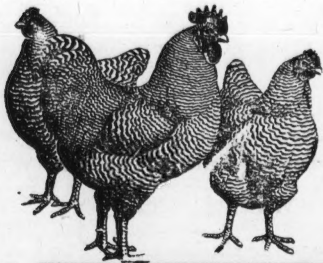


## ESPECIALLY FOR OUR POULTRY AND EGG PRODUCING PATRONS

Several times a year we devote this page to our friends who ship us their poultry and eggs and we like to indicate the price trends and prospects for their encouragement.

### Outlook Exceptionally Good

The outlook for poultry is exceptionally good—there is a brisk demand and prices are very satisfactory. As usual, it is the well finished birds that are bringing the premiums, and you will be well paid for an extra week or so feeding period. Do not be in too big a hurry to market your birds, and be sure they are well fleshed when you do. Prices are good and the demand is brisk and as in the case of poultry, quality will be reflected in your returns.



### Protecting Egg Quality

To help you maintain your egg quality the following hints should be of interest.

Recently we saw an advertisement which read "Sweating Away a Cool 100 Million — hot and sultry summertime is one of the egg industry's greatest problems. For when temperature climbs, eggs lose quality fast. Even if absolute spoilage does not take place, whites become thin and watery and yolks weaken. Many consumers eat fewer eggs in summer due to dissatisfaction with quality. According to experienced handlers and packers, there is a 15 to 30% loss in egg value every summer. The eggs figuratively 'sweat away' a hundred million dollars of their value!"

Because of this tremendous loss in egg quality it would pay to give attention to the following points:

Produce infertile eggs.

Gather eggs twice a day.

Keep eggs in a cool and a fairly moist place. High humidity helps to protect egg quality.

Cool eggs before placing in case. This is very important.

Help to eliminate dirty eggs by providing a nest for every five hens, by keeping the flock confined to the house until noon on days when it is wet outdoors, by keeping broody hens off the nests and by keeping the house reasonably clean.

Protect eggs from heat and cold when hauling to market.

Market eggs twice a week if possible.

Feed a balanced ration and provide plenty of water.

### Washing Eggs

Our first reaction to the question whether or not eggs should be washed would be to say "no" and to say it rather emphatically. However, today we must recognize the fact that at certain times of the year many eggs become soiled even under the best management and for this reason some consideration must be given to cleaning.

There has been considerable publicity given to egg washing machines and to egg washing solutions. Regardless of the merits of the machines or solutions, the farm producer should first give thought to preventing soiled eggs, and cleaning

should be secondary, and we doubt very much if there is much justification on the part of the average farm flock owner for becoming interested in special solutions or machines for cleaning eggs. In fact, we would recommend shying away from this type of practice until such time as the problems which are resulting from the washing of eggs have been solved.

A sandpaper brush which can be purchased from most hatcheries and hardware stores is probably one of the most satisfactory pieces of equipment for cleaning slightly soiled eggs, especially when the volume does not exceed that normally produced by the average farm flock.

One per cent lye water solution has been used and with fairly satisfactory results. It is necessary in using a solution of this kind to keep the temperature of the solution above that of the temperature of the eggs.

We still say and recommend that under farm conditions it would be much safer to first of all try to prevent eggs from becoming dirty and when cleaning to use the sandpaper brush in preference to washing regardless of the method or solution. Once eggs are washed they become quite vulnerable to contaminations which will cause spoilage.

### Broody Hens

Broodiness is an inherent trait and for this reason it is questionable whether or not in the average farm flock it is profitable to fool with a broody bird. True, you can put them in a slatted bottom coop, give them plenty of water and feed, and quite often such birds will change their mind and go back to laying. However, with current feed prices, we would be inclined to recommend, get rid of her!

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## A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL, Secretary  
"JUST A REMINDER"

The Western Farm Leader has kindly granted us the use of this column to provide our members with timely information regarding Federation activities. Recently we have received a leaflet from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture entitled, "Just a Reminder". It has been edited to give our readers the high-lights of Federation activities in a clear, concise form for easy reading. May I commend it for your attention. Part is published below and part will appear in the next issue:

### Looking Back

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture came into being a little more than 12 years ago. That is not a long period of time, but apparently it has been long enough for many of those in the farm movement across Canada and others who are inclined to question the value of the national organization and its achievements, to forget what the conditions were in agriculture before the CFA was born, making national unity in farm organization a reality.

Before the CFA, was born, there was no unity whatsoever on a national basis among the various types of farm organizations in the various Provinces, which in their own field had functioned successfully and effectively over a considerable period of years. There existed no basis upon which these organizations could come together and formulate unified policies on national agricultural policies, and make their united voice felt in the councils of the nation. There was no single entity to which the Government of the day could turn and ask: "Is this the recognized and accredited national voice of organized agriculture in Canada?"

Though the CFA is young in years, its progress and achievements have been notable in many ways, and herewith are presented some reminders of this fact:

1. In its short life the CFA has attained a status and a prestige surpassed by no other national farm organization anywhere in the world. It is now the fully recognized national voice of Canadian organized agricultural producers.

2. In family representation provided by the farmers affiliated with the 17 member bodies of the federation, the CFA constitutes the national voice of more than 1,500,000 farm residents.

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C.A.D.P. SECTION—(Contd. from p. 2)

### An Invitation

To those of our readers who have not shipped their eggs and poultry in the past to the Central Alberta Dairy Pool: we invite you to do so this year.

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## Dairies Now Have Joint Purchasing Body

STOCKHOLM.—A joint purchasing organization has been formed by the co-operative dairy organizations of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

### OTTAWA LETTER (Continued from Page 1)

even after the multilateral convertibility of sterling is restored. The old position, with heavy adverse balances of trade against both Britain and Canada, was too vulnerable, as the two wars, particularly the second, showed. Both countries will unquestionably be increasing their exports to the United States. This is particularly needed in the present critical time.

In the report issued after the conversations between the Chancellor of the British Exchequer and members of the Canadian Cabinet, it was stated: "It will no doubt be necessary to make some adjustments in United Kingdom import programs of recent years, but both Governments will do everything they can to avoid any sudden change in the pattern of trade between the two countries. . . . The two Governments are satisfied that in spite of present difficulties, there is a prospect of a large continuing trade between the two countries and that Canadian raw materials and foodstuffs will continue to play a vital part in the recovery of the United Kingdom." There will be a continuing committee of representatives of the two countries meeting regularly in Ottawa and London, consulting on commercial and economic matters.

### Will Continue as Large Customers

Cripps has stated here that the continuity of a large volume of trade between Britain and Canada is not only desirable but necessary. By the end of ERP, the British will still be large customers of Canada, who "will be buying a large volume of our exports." British agriculture, he said, is heavily capitalized and mechanized, but there is a limit to the agricultural area of the island.

While there will be an expected increase of 20 percent in farm production by 1951—this for balance of payments, efficiency and for "strategic" reasons—Cripps asks the Canadian farmer to have no anxiety about this increase. "We will still have to buy one-half of our total food supplies, and look to Canada I hope as one of our main suppliers in future as she has been in the past."

It is felt here that, from the long term as well as the immediate viewpoint, the Canadian farmer should not turn his eyes away from this long established and, despite the difficulties of this time, secure market. It is recognized that it isn't at all likely that the Canadian farmer will do this, but at this hour undue impatience over the unquestionable difficulties might lead to demands for new avenues of export for products shipped to Britain that if carried out might be regretted in the future.

In any event it is believed economically sound policy to keep firmly in mind the security of the British market, and the expressed will of the British to continue to import everything they can from Canada within the inexorable limits laid down by the balance of payments difficulties.

The record of British recovery placed before the Canadian people by Sir Stafford Cripps is encouraging enough to indicate that there is little doubt that Britain is well advanced on the road to economic stability and health.

It looks as if the Meat Board will this year secure enough bacon to represent about 215,000,000 pounds for the British market. The inspected hog slaughterings have been higher than last year, the figures for this year up to Sept. 18th being 3,264,822, compared with 2,877,870 in the same period of 1947. The hog population, however, is stated to be down.

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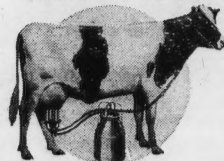
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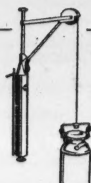
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### UNITED NATIONS DAY—OCTOBER 24th

"United Nations Day" will be observed throughout the world, by the member nations of UN, on Sunday, October 24th. This is the day designated by the General Assembly of the international organization.

In this Dominion—inspired and in part directed by United Nations Association in Canada—churches, schools, service clubs, local radio stations as well as the CBC, newspapers and periodicals and universities will participate in the observance.

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These lines are written soon after the opening of the sessions of the General Assembly in Paris, and what may occur within the next three weeks to enhance or to lower the prestige of the international organization we cannot of course foresee. We do know, however, that several powerful personalities among both groups of powers into which the world tends to be divided, are confident that nothing catastrophic will occur in the near future. If they be right, then there is time to think and to consider, time for the constructive, moderating forces, to assert themselves.

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We do not find at all amusing the cynics and other too clever people who with complete cheerfulness are preparing to bury United Nations. Before the last World War, people of the same sort helped to prepare the way for the burial of the League of Nations—an organization that might well have served to prevent the outbreak of war under conditions favorable to the Nazis, had the machinery it provided been honestly utilized—had it not been betrayed by the governments of some powerful member states.

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We are not professional optimists, and we think we know what, in their general character, the dangers are; but the preservation of the world organization in the face of every discouraging development, would seem to offer whatever hope there may be of averting eventual war.

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UN has to its credit many great achievements, to which unfortunately we cannot devote adequate space here at this time.

Actually East and West have been working together quite well in the UN Economic Commission for Europe, about whose sessions little has appeared in the press. At its last-meeting an unanimous resolution concerning its program was adopted. It is providing the mechanism for expanded co-operation between Eastern and Western European countries when and if political differences are submerged.

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### DEATH OF L. H. JELLIFF

We regret very much to record the death in hospital in Lethbridge last week, at the age of 83, of L. H. Jelliff, who served in the Canadian Parliament for approximately ten years as a representative of the United Farmers of Alberta for the Lethbridge Federal constituency. He was first elected in 1921, and was re-elected in 1925 and 1926, retiring at the time of the general election of 1930.

Mr. Jelliff was born in the state of Illinois of English-American parentage. He came to Canada in 1902, pioneering in the Raley district, where he farmed for many years, later moving to Lethbridge. As a parliamentarian he gave conscientious service. He was held in high regard, and his constituents repeatedly showed their confidence in him and in his record of service to them.

### VALUES

*So brief a span is life as time is measured,  
So soon our little sum of years is spent,  
Yet mere possessions past all else are treasured  
And striven for in endless discontent.  
Spoils won today tomorrow are outmoded,  
Their promised pleasure all too swiftly fled,  
And so the spirit, day by day, is goaded  
To try and grasp the mirage just ahead.*

*Deem not a failure he who will not barter  
His toil for prizes of the market-place,  
Nor need it bear the imprint of a martyr—  
The life that finds in living more of grace  
In being than in having, with a creed  
That shuns possessions more than meet its need.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

### A BOOK TO READ

If you wish to obtain thoroughly authentic information about Russia past and almost up to the present by a leading historian of our day, get, if you can, a copy of "The Russian Peasant and Other Studies", by Sir John Maynard. Sir John, whose own career has been made in the field of administration, has been described by Sir Bernard Pares—himself an expert—as the best English speaking authority on Russia. Whatever your preconceived views may be, you'll learn a great deal and you'll want to learn more. And Sir John won't raise your blood pressure. The book is published in Britain by Gollanz, price \$4.50.

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### THIS WILL BE NO RETIREMENT

While Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spencer are moving from the farm which has been their home for nearly forty years, to the Pacific Coast, we don't think their life there will prove to be a "retirement". Their interests are far too wide for that, and our judgment is that Mr. Spencer will continue to find a great deal of public work to be done, some of it in the wide Federal field for education. We understand, by the way, that he will be back in Alberta for the chief farmer Conventions.

This farm newspaper and its readers owe a particularly heavy debt to Mrs. Spencer, whose letters (the first of which dates back more than twenty years) are, as we announce elsewhere, to be continued. We shall look forward to reading her impressions of Vancouver Island.

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Mr. Spencer is one of those men to be met from time to time (there would have been no farm movement today without them) who really never think of playing for their own hand, but are dominated by large ideas of social construction and improvement, and of service—if we may use that much abused word—to their day and generation. We find it difficult to write about him because we know him well, and what we know to be understatement might seem exaggerated praise of his qualities. He is shrewd and can be caustic in debate but seldom is.

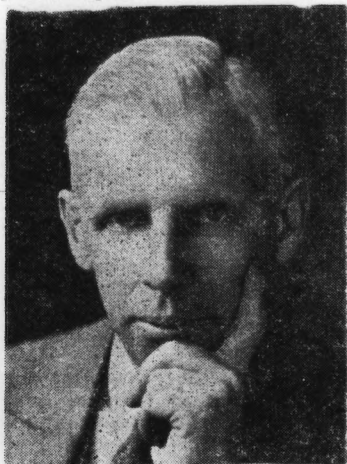
We often heard the late Robert Gardiner, who was chairman of the U.F.A. group at Ottawa, speak of Mr. Spencer's almost extreme conscientiousness in carrying out his Parliamentary duties at Ottawa. Among his other responsibilities were those of secretary of the group, a task entailing a great deal of dull work in matters of detail. He was exceptionally punctilious about attendance at the House of Commons, in spite of the many demands on his time, and could always be depended upon, Mr. Gardiner remarked, to be ready for any parliamentary emergency.



## Leaving for Coast After Forty Years of "Active Service"

Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Spencer  
Leaving Edgerton for Comox,  
B.C., This Month

After some forty years' residence in Alberta—the pioneering period devoted to the development of a large farm, and the full span, down to the present day, to agricultural organization and the public service and educational work in various fields—Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Spencer of Warwick Farm, Edgerton, will leave Alberta in about two weeks' time for Comox, B.C. They will make their home with Mr. Spencer's brother, E. Herbert Spencer. The Spencer brothers originally homesteaded together at Edgerton, and in partnership carried their farming en-



HENRY E. SPENCER

terprise to success. Both took part from the beginning, in the building up of the farm movement — the United Farmers of Alberta and various organizations which the U.F.A. started out in life.

### Fight for Better Rural Education

In recent years Henry Spencer has been especially concerned with educational matters — improvement of educational opportunities in Alberta, and in Canada, particularly for the children of rural parents. First as a Director, and since 1945 as President of the Alberta School Trustees Association, and also for some years as President of the Alberta Educational Council, in whose formation he played a major part, he has been the leader in a campaign to obtain larger grants of Provincial funds for primary and secondary education. The campaign has met with a gratifying measure of success. Grants have been increased substantially, though the goal of the Council—assumption by the Province of at least 50 percent of these costs—has not as yet been fully attained.

### Banking, Publishing, Farming

Born near Alcester, in the English Midlands, in 1882, Mr. Spencer was engaged in banking at Stratford-on-Avon from 1889 to 1905; and in the printing and publishing business in France during 1906. He came to Canada in 1908, and after obtaining experience as a hired man, filed on the land at Edgerton which became the "home quarter". He was Provincial Director of the United Farmers of Alberta from 1917 to 1921, inclusive, and from 1936 to 1939. He went on the Board again in 1947 and is still a Director.

In the Dominion general election of 1921, Mr. Spencer was U.F.A. candidate for the constituency of Battle River, and won with a spectacular majority. In that election and in those which followed in 1925, 1926 and 1930, all of the candidates who ran against him lost their deposits, without exception, if our recollection is correct.

### Member of "Ginger Group"

In the fourteen years he spent as a Member of Parliament, Mr. Spencer

## Will Continue Letters To Farm Women

Mrs. (H. E.) Zella Spencer (right) is known to a wide circle of Alberta farm people (this is one reason among others) as the writer of the letter to Farm Women which appears regularly in *The Western Farm Leader*. We are happy to be able to announce that she will continue to contribute this much valued feature to our Women's Section

became recognized throughout Canada as a leader in the field of financial and banking reform; and he played a most vigorous part in the fight, eventually successful, for the establishment of a publicly owned central bank in Canada. He was one of the famous "Ginger Group" at Ottawa who never let an opportunity pass to strike a blow in behalf of the farm people during the days of deep depression in agriculture which brought hardship and suffering to many. Public health and health insurance measures were among his interests, added to his special concern for the economic advancement of agriculture. He was defeated in the landslide election of 1935, and again in 1940, when he was a candidate of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation.

### No Lessening of Effort

Defeat merely changed the form; it did not cause any lessening of the intensity of his effort for the community in which he lives. He became active in local U.F.A. affairs as in earlier years, in the promotion of co-operation, and he served for a time on the Board of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative. Work as a school trustee paved the way for later achievement for education in the Provincial field.

Mr. Spencer is a member of the Senate of the University of Alberta, secretary and director of the local co-op store, and president of the district credit union. He was deputy reeve for Wainwright M.D.

after Mr. and Mrs. Spencer leave for Comox, B.C., this month.

These letters began to be published regularly in *The U.F.A.* over 20 years ago, becoming features successively of



*The United Farmer*, and of this paper since its establishment in 1936.

### Challenge to Versatility

To write a letter for issue after issue throughout a long term of years, and to maintain the interest of readers, is an exacting task and challenge to versatility which Mrs. Spencer has met successfully. We rather think, by the way, that a good many of the contributions which have been appearing of late have been among the best she has written. One of her assets as a contributor to a paper such as ours is that as a pioneer herself, she understands the farm people and their problems and the way they look at things.

A few years ago Sydney May, who has had editorial positions on metro-

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# CANADA PACKERS LIMITED

## REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

The twenty-first fiscal year of Canada Packers Limited closed March 31st, 1948.

Dollar Sales, a new high, were .....	\$238,454,037	(A)
Tonnage—weight of product sold—was .....	1,447,725,661 lbs.	(B)
Net Profit,—after Depreciation, Taxes Inventory Reserve,—(also a new high) .....	\$2,182,300	(C)
Net Profit in relation to Sales,—(C to A),—is 9/10 of 1 per cent.		
Net Profit in relation to Tonnage,—(C to B),—is 15c per 100 lbs., otherwise 17c per lb.		

The following is a comparison of this year's Profit and Loss Statement with those of the two previous years.

	1948	1947	1946
Dollar Sales .....	\$238,000,000	\$204,000,000	\$209,000,000
Out of each Sales Dollar there was paid:—			
For Raw Materials,— chiefly Live Stock and other farm products .....	81.37c	80.21c	81.33c
For Wages plus Salaries .....	8.48	9.10	8.06
For Services,—General Expenses .....	4.38	4.25	4.13
For Materials and Packages .....	3.12	4.06	3.76
For Taxes,—Municipal, Prov., plus Federal .....	1.08	.98	1.48
For Inventory Reserve .....	.26	—	—
For Depreciation on Fixed Assets .....	.42	.43	.40
	99.11c	99.03c	99.16c
Remainder,—Profit from Operations .....	.89	.97	.84
Plus Income from Investments, etc. ....	.02	.04	.03
Total Net Profit for the year on each dollar of Sales .....	.91c	1.01c	.87c

The products handled by the Company fall into four groups,—viz:—

**LIVE STOCK PRODUCTS**, comprising products derived from live animals:—

Meats,—Beef, Veal, Pork,  
Lamb and Mutton;

By-Products,—Hides, Skins,  
Tallow, Bones, Tankage, etc.

Tonnage of this group ..	467,879,272 lbs.	
Profit from this group .....		\$1,049,833
Profit per 100 lbs. ....	22.4c	

**OTHER FARM PRODUCTS**, comprising,—

Butter, Eggs, Cheese, Poultry,  
Fruits, Vegetables, etc.

Tonnage of this group ..	241,899,777 lbs.	
Profit from this group .....		\$644,013
Profit per 100 lbs. ....	26.6c	

**NON-FARM PRODUCTS**, comprising,—

Edible Oils, Shortening, Soap,  
Fish, Fertilizers, Stock  
Foods, etc.

Tonnage of this group ..	658,548,607 lbs.	
Profit from this group .....		\$863,024
Profit per 100 lbs. ....	13.1c	

**MANUFACTURING**, comprising,  
—Canned Meats, Canned  
Fruits and Vegetables, and  
Frosted Foods.

Tonnage of this group ..	79,398,005 lbs.	
Profit from this group .....		\$198,046
Profit per 100 lbs. ....	24.9c	

Profit from the four groups .....	\$2,754,916
Profit on Group No. 2 includes an unusual profit on Storage Butter, viz. ....	625,968

This item has been set up in toto as an inventory reserve.

Net Profit after setting up this inventory reserve .....	\$2,128,948
Profit from Investments .....	53,352
Total Net Profit .....	\$2,182,300

The outstanding feature of the year was the spectacular advance in the price of all foods, especially live stock and live stock products.

The measure of these advances is shown in the following table which sets up average prices of foods in Canada (in each case the average for the month of July) for the following periods:—

- (1) The six pre-war years, 1934-39
- (2) The six war years, 1940-45
- (3) The three years since the war,—1946, 1947, 1948.

	Average July price 1934-39	Average July price 1940-45	July 1946	July 1947	July 1948
Good Steers, live, Toronto, per lb. ....	6.07c	10.70c	13.22c	14.47c	21.01c
Hogs, B-1 dressed, Toronto, per lb. ....	13.20	16.65	21.87	22.98	31.88
Lambs, live, Toronto, per lb. ....	9.55	14.84	16.91	17.21	22.75
Eggs, 'A' large, Toron- to, per doz. ....	23.75	34.50	46.00	39.75	52.00
Creamery Butter, Toronto, per lb. ....	21.12	35.60	47.90	50.50	67.37
Cheese, f.o.b. Factory, Ontario, per lb. ....	12.60	20.50	26.00	28.00	33.87
Vegetable Oil, refined, Toronto, per lb. ....	6.90	14.65	16.40	41.10	30.50
Wheat, No. 1 Northern Fort William, per bushel .....	92.75	97.75	135.00	155.00	155.00
Oats, No. 2 C.W., Fort William, per bushel ..	42.37	51.12	61.50	65.00	88.25
Barley, No. 1 Feed, Fort William, per bushel .....	46.00	63.75	84.75	93.00	120.50

**NOTE:** On certain products subsidies have been paid by Governments, —Federal and Provincial. The prices appearing above include all subsidies, except in the case of Wheat which is shown at Board price. The Wheat Board will make a participation payment (the amount of which is not now known) covering the five crop years ending July, 1950.

As between **July 1939** and **July 1948**, the live stock products listed in the above table show the following percentages of advance:—

Steers .....	223%	Eggs .....	62%
Hogs .....	157%	Creamery Butter ....	217%
Lambs .....	123%	Cheese .....	151%

In contrast to the above, the average advance of **all** wholesale prices from July 1939 to July 1948 is 110%.



It must be remembered that in 1939 live stock prices were low in relation to other products. It was to be expected that the advance in live stock products would be greater than the average for all products. Nevertheless, the phenomenal advances recorded above inevitably give rise to the following queries:—

1. Is the present level of live stock prices likely to be maintained?

NOTE: If the embargo on shipments to the United States is lifted, the immediate prospect is for still higher prices.\*

2. If, finally, there is to be a recession, will that recession be gradual or 'vertical'?

NOTE: Following World War I, prices continued to advance for a period of eighteen months after Armistice Day (November 1918 to July 1920). Then a violent collapse of prices set in.

3. If and when the decline comes, at what (approximate) level are prices likely to be ultimately stabilized?

NOTE: At least one prediction seems safe,—viz. that prices of live stock products will not again sink to the levels of the 1930's.

This for two reasons:—

(a) that prices in the 1930's were abnormally low;

(b) that the post-war dollar is equivalent to pre-war 50/60c.

All three of the above questions are of the utmost importance to live stock producers and processors. But,—except for the inserted notes,—no one as yet has the answers.

At the present time, complicated and unpredictable political factors seem to count almost as heavily as the purely economic elements of the problem.

One fundamental factor at some time will come into play. The world's food is produced from year to year. At any one time, whether food supplies are sufficient depends upon the **last** crop. In a period of short supply, people go hungry. But if a bountiful crop follows, the hunger does not carry over. After a few days (possibly weeks) of heavy eating, famished appetites are reduced to normal appetites. Then the increased food supply will tend to bring prices back to normal (that is, normal as established by the new conditions).

The crop now being harvested in the Northern Hemisphere is a bountiful (perhaps a record) one. This may prove to be the year when mounting food prices will turn downward.

Mention has already been made that net profit was the highest in the Company's history. The record profit of the year is accounted for by the record advance in price (within the year) of most of the products handled by the Company. In addition to the normal operating profit an 'inventory' profit accrued from the advancing prices.

On January 2nd, 1948, the Canadian Meat Board announced an advance in the contract price of Wiltshire Bacon (to U.K.) of 7c per lb. This advance was immediately reflected in corresponding advances in the price of Hogs and of domestic Pork products.

These advances (in domestic Pork products) led to widespread protests from housewives' associations, which in turn led to the appointment of a Select Committee of the House of Commons, enjoined to examine into the causes of the advancing cost of living. The extent to which packinghouse costs, and particularly packinghouse profits, enter into these advancing food prices was a natural subject of investigation by this Committee. Packers were asked for voluminous reports covering operations of the Industry over a period of thirteen years.

The scope of the present Report does not permit a lengthy analysis of the data submitted, but the essential facts revealed may be summarized as follows:—

1. That over a period of thirteen years (1936 to 1948, inclusive) the average net profit of the Packing Industry was 1/7 of 1c per lb. of product sold.
2. That the highest profit in any one year was 1/5 of 1c per lb. of product sold.
3. That in the rapidly advancing costs of meat, packinghouse profits have played no part. Within the three-year period 1946 to 1948, the retail price of major Beef cuts advanced approximately 20c per lb., and Pork cuts approximately 19c per lb., whereas packinghouse profits in the same three years had been respectively 1/12c, 1/7c and 1/7c per lb.†
4. If the Packing Industry had made no profit whatever, the relief to the consumer could not have been noticed.
5. The advance in meat prices was due **entirely** to advancing costs of live stock. These advances were brought about by conditions of supply and demand. Packers do not and can not influence either supply or demand, and therefore have no part in determining the general level of live stock prices.

For instance, during the depression of the early 1930's, packers could do nothing to advance prices. They were

able to pay for the live stock only what they were able to get back for the meats (and by-products).

Conversely, at the present time packers can do nothing to alleviate the high costs of meats, which are due to a world shortage of all foods, especially live stock.

6. The operations of the Packing Industry, both in buying and selling, are carried on under conditions of keen and constant competition.

The live stock which is the packer's raw material is purchased upon the various markets throughout Canada. On each market numerous packer buyers compete for the live stock. The producer is represented by a commission man. The commission man is an expert judge of live stock, and his job is to get the highest possible price for the animals consigned to him for sale. That he is competent to do this is evidenced by the speed at which prices are forced up when supplies are short of demand. (Example,—Within a period of four weeks,—between May 8th and June 8th, 1948,—the price of Cattle in Canada was forced up 4 to 5 cents per lb.)

After processing the live stock, the packer sells the meats to the retail butcher. Here again the transaction is one in which the keenest competition prevails. Each retailer is called upon each week by many packer salesmen, and the retailer naturally trades down each salesman against the others. In the end the retailer divides his order amongst several salesmen, selecting from each those products for which his prices are lowest, value considered.

The fact is not generally realized that there are no established prices either for live stock or for meats. Each purchase and each sale is a separate 'bargain',—in which the buyer and seller compete, the one to reduce the price a fraction, and the other to advance it a fraction.

It is this keen and continuous 'bargaining' which explains the small percentage of profit upon which the Industry is carried on. This small percentage upon sales, however, does not mean that the Industry is necessarily unprofitable. In the year under review, capital was turned over approximately eight times, so that a profit of .91 per cent on sales yielded a return of approximately 7.3 per cent upon capital.

However, the small margin of profit does enforce efficiency. While a **profit** of 1 per cent on sales yields an adequate return on capital, a **loss** of 1 per cent, if continued, means ruin. The record of the Packing Industry in Canada is strewn with the wrecks of companies which failed to keep pace with competitors, by this narrow margin.

## LABOUR RELATIONS

In spite of the fact that a strike, lasting six weeks, occurred within the year under review, Directors are pleased to report that in the main relations with Employees are cordial and cooperative.

The Company Officers feel that the strike was the result of an unwise method of negotiation (on the part of the Union) which had been followed for four successive years.

That method was the introduction of a strike threat at an early stage each time a new agreement was under negotiation. This comment is made, not by way of recrimination, but solely in the hope that a better method may be permanently established. Discussions with the Union are at point of completion as this Report is being written, and there are good reasons to believe that foundations of such a method have been laid.

In the discussions, an increase of 9.6% in wage rates has been agreed upon.

No absolute standard has been devised by which to determine just what wage rates should be in any industry. But two criteria are commonly used:—

1. How do increases in wage rates compare with increases in living costs?
2. How do present rates compare with present rates in other industries?

The following tables apply these criteria to the rates of Canada Packers:—

### 1. Comparison with Increased Living Costs

Present rates (including the increase of 9.6 per cent) and those of 1939 are as follows:—

	1939	1948	Percentage Increase
Average rate, men .....	50.8c	108.4c	113.8%
Average rate, women .....	32.8	81.2	147.6%
Combined average rate .....	48.1	103.4	115.0%

In August 1939, the Dominion Cost of Living Index stood at 100.8. It now stands (July 1948) at 156.9, an increase of 56.1 points, or 55.7%

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\*The Report was in the printers' hands before the embargo was lifted.

†The figures quoted are from the submission of Canada Packers.

The increase in rates is thus more than double the increase in the Cost of Living. However, this excess percentage (wages over cost of living) does not represent an equivalent increase in purchasing power. Corrections must be made for advanced Income Tax rates (modified by Family Allowance payments) and for considerably shorter working-hours. When all corrections are made, the increase in actual purchasing power of all hourly rated employees of the Company works out at an average of at least

25%

## 2. Comparison with Rates Paid in Other Industries

Comparison of packinghouse average rates with those of Canadian Industry generally is possible by reference to a report published monthly by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.\*

That report includes wages of men and women, up to and including foremen. Besides regular earnings, it includes such additional income as overtime premiums, night work premiums, and incentive bonuses.

By this standard Canada Packers' average rate (including the 9.6 per cent increase just granted) compares with others as follows:—

Canada Packers Limited .....	\$1.101 per hour	
Meat Industry (as a whole) ..	.954 " "	
All Manufacturing .....	.906 " "	
Canada Packers' rate is thus higher than:		
The Meat Industry (as a whole) by .....	15.4%	
The average of All Manufacturing in Canada by .....	21.1%	

During the year a plan has been worked out between the Company and Employees whereby through joint contribution, comprehensive protection in time of illness is provided. The protection includes:—

- Medical attention and medicines;
- Hospitalization for Employees and their dependents;
- Surgical expenses up to \$200.00;
- Funeral Benefit of \$100.00;
- Weekly Indemnities in sickness of \$21.00 for men and \$16.00 for women, continuing according to length of service up to 52 weeks.

A Group Life Insurance Plan to which the Company contributes has been in effect since 1940. Each Employee irrespective of age can insure for \$2,000 for a premium of \$5.20 per \$1,000 per year. For male Employees this Insurance is compulsory,—for females, optional.

## PROFIT SHARING

Canada Packers was formed in 1927.

For eight years no dividends were paid on the Common Shares. In 1935, dividends on the Common Shares were begun.

In the same year the profit-sharing plan of the Company was initiated.

The policy of the Company is to maintain regular salaries and wages at a level equivalent to the highest paid elsewhere in the Industry.

If profits permit, a further payment, by way of bonus, is made to each Employee at the end of the fiscal year.

The profit-sharing plan is not contractual. The sum to be paid in bonuses is determined by the Directors, and is based upon the earnings of the Company for the year.

This year, in view of the record profits, a record sum was allotted,—viz. \$1,500,000.

Distribution of profits for the year under review has been as follows:—

Net Profit before bonus was .....	\$3,682,300
Paid to Employees, as bonus .....	1,500,000

Net Profit available for Shareholders .....	\$2,182,300
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### Reminder:

This sum is equivalent to 9 1/10 of 1 per cent of sales 1 7/10 cent per lb. of product sold

Out of this sum there was paid to Shareholders as dividends .....	\$1,000,000
The remainder was added to Reserves .....	\$1,182,300

Since the adoption of the profit-sharing plan (1935), distribution of profits as between Shareholders and Employees has been as follows:—

To Employees, as bonuses .....	\$10,410,000
To Shareholders, as dividends .....	10,550,000

J. S. McLEAN,

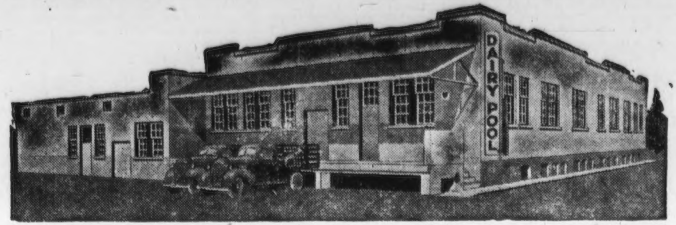
President.

Toronto, August 12th, 1948.

\*"Statistics of Average Hours Worked and Average Hourly Earnings"

Extra copies of this report are available and so long as they last, will be mailed to anyone requesting them. Address to Canada Packers Limited, Toronto 9. ADVT.

## SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



## Two Letters With a Common Strain

By I. F. Fitch, K.C.

Mr. I. F. Fitch, K.C., of Calgary, has been kind enough to submit a rather unusual contribution to our column in The Western Farm Leader.

Mr. Fitch will be known to many of our readers through his association in the Round Table discussions in which he took an active part with Messrs. Calhoun, Clapperton and Smith. For some years Mr. Fitch was discussion chairman. He is a Calgary police magistrate.

The main part of the contribution is an original letter written by a famous radical statesman and eminent orator, John Bright, who will no doubt be remembered by many of our readers for the active part he took in conjunction with Richard Cobden in the successful fight for the repeal of the British Corn Laws. John Bright was born in that famous town known to all co-operators as the home of the original co-operative—Rochdale.

Thanking Mr. Fitch,

Yours fraternally,

*Wm Burns*

PRESIDENT.

31-36 Union Building,  
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Burns:

I now redeem the promise made long ago but in form not then contemplated by either of us; I found that writing for a newspaper is far removed from the field in which I, as a lawyer, have had experience.

The main body of my promised contribution to your column will be copies of letters from two men widely separated in space, time and prominence, but both disciples of the same school of thought to which you yourself belong.

### A Treasured Possession

Among my most treasured possessions is an original letter written by John Bright given to me several years ago by our mutual friend, Mr. L. W. Brockington, K.C., preserved because of its origin and as a model of the fast disappearing art of letter writing. My clients who have read the original as it hangs on the wall of my office have expressed admiration for the great statesman who, busy as he must have been on January 12th, 1863, could still find time to write the letter to one who appears to have been but a casual correspondent.

Recently I received a letter from a young friend of mine for whose ability I have great respect and which so abounds in humor and philosophy as to constitute an excellent example of the art, and for that reason to be worthy of publication with that of John Bright, a master of English speech. In space of time they are separated by over seventy-five years; in thought and expression they have some common strain.

### John Bright's Letter

Mr. Bright's letter to my knowledge has never been printed, and reads as follows:—

"Rochdale,  
Jan'y. 12.63

"Dear Sir,

"I think it probable we shall never have another full or considerable crop of slave grown cotton, because I think it probable that the result of the war will be to undermine & perhaps to destroy the slave system of America.

"If the war were to end now, then we might again have slave grown cotton, but the Emancipation Proclamation & the general overturning of the whole industrial system of the South, may, & I think will create such disorganization in the Cotton States, that any considerable crop under the slave system is scarcely to be looked for.

"I do not expect for many years a full supply from any other source—and my view of the prospects of Lancashire is a very gloomy one.

"A few months will show whether I am right or not. I do not attempt to foretell the future—but from the facts now before us, I can come to no other conclusion than that I described in my speech at Birmingham.

"I am much obliged to you for the kind expressions contained in your note — & for the friendly manner in which you judge of what I say in public.

"I am respectfully yours,

"John Bright"

"Dr. Stephenson

"George St.,  
"Nottingham."

### My Young Friend's Letter

Now I present the letter from my friend, Harry Francis.

Some water had fallen on the paper which Mr. Francis was using and accounts for the reference to the tears in his first paragraph:

"Calgary,  
August 20, 1948.

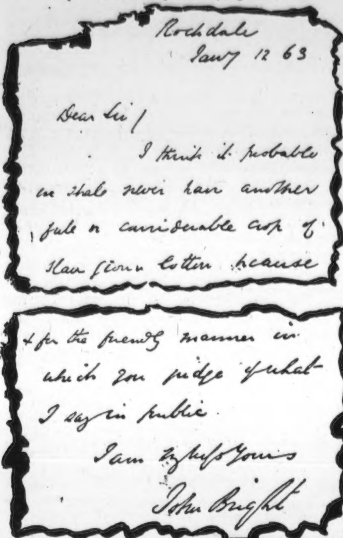
"Dear Mr. Fitch:

"These tears you see are not shed in bitterness at losing the election, but rather in losing a dollar to YOU!

"Why is it, Sir, that we apply logic to a point where we convince ourselves so strongly on a matter that when we find others disagreeing with us, 'en masse, we find it incredible! It seemed so logical to me that we should do everything possible to elect the opposition, that I thought it would be obvious to sufficient other people. Is logic, then, only logic when you can convince others to your way of thinking? And if this is so, does it remain logic, a science, or simply the power to persuade? Or again, is it simply that there is no logic in politics? (Your (Continued on Page 9)



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FACSIMILE OF BEGINNING AND  
END OF JOHN BRIGHT'S LETTER  
TO DR. STEVENSON

answer to that will be a chuckle, and the inward remark, 'there isn't your kind of logic in politics'.

"I don't think I have ever lost a dollar to a man who places less value on the dollar, and more value on the fact that you have me squirming. And you have been sitting back in unholy glee waiting for this note, which you knew must come! I delayed as long as I could, reasonably, knowing I had to come to it. Why could you not have awaited only the dollar?"

"Sincerely,  
"Harry Francis".

I make only the following comments: John Bright was mistaken in 1863 respecting the prospects of Lancashire; the golden age of English industry followed; his logic was sound in foretelling the future, but the event proved him mistaken.

I invite any of your readers to answer the questions asked by Mr. Francis—it should be a natural for Jack Sutherland, and others of his ability—I merely suggest that if any of them read in a recent copy of Newsweek Henry Hazlitt's analysis of the Republican Platform adopted at the recent Convention in Philadelphia, he will agree that logic is not essential to the formulation of all political platforms.

Yours truly,  
I. F. FITCH.

LEAVING FOR COAST (Cont'd from p. 5)  
politan newspapers on two or three continents, undertook to give us his candid judgment upon various regular and irregular features appearing in The Leader. Some he considered to have much less reader interest than others. Mrs. Spencer's feature he ranked very high.

In a note which we received a few days ago, Mrs. Spencer stated: "I began writing to your paper because I thought I was having an opportunity to see and hear and read things other women were not able to enjoy at the time when life did not mean listening to the radio and going to town on Saturday night." She came West first to teach in what was then East Clover Bar and is now Bremner. Henry Spencer was a hired man in the next district. He went back to Edgerton and after he had proved up they were married, 35 years ago.

A Vice-President of the U.F.W.A.

Mrs. Spencer was second Vice-President of the United Farm Women of Alberta when Mrs. Paribey became President, but gave that up soon to look after a young family. "Also," she writes, "no home and no farm could function with both husband and wife running the roads."

Incidentally, Mrs. Spencer's work for this paper and its predecessors has all been given.

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gagingly written. It provides reading which is at once pleasurable and instructive. It will be found of much value for reference purposes. Divided into three sections—The Country, The People, The Resources—the compendium provides authentic and up-to-date information upon a multitude of subjects, including Agriculture, Forestry, Mining, Fur Trade, Fishing, Manufacturing, Transportation, and of course "the Canadian Banking System", which "began with the incorporation of the Bank of Montreal on November 3rd, 1817."

Ships now being built in Great Britain and Northern Ireland total 55.8 per cent of those under construction in the world.

Australia Will Produce  
1000 Million Pounds Wool

CANBERRA, Australia. — Australia, the leading wool producing country of the world, has an estimated production for this year of over 1,000 million pounds. In second place, with about half that quantity, is Argentina, followed by New Zealand, United States, U.S.S.R., Union of South Africa and Uruguay, in that order.

French immigrants may now enter Canada on the same basis as British and American citizens.

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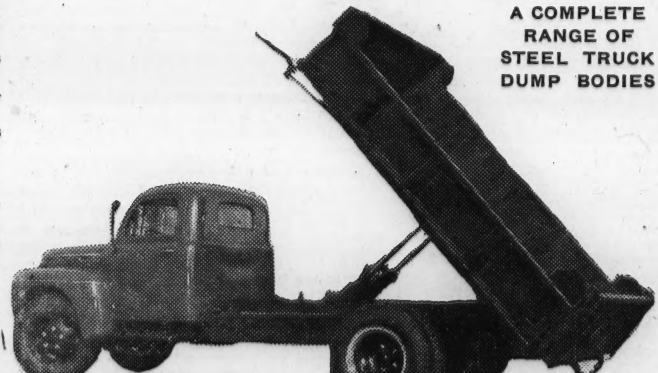
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Although the years have made a difference about B.C. being the sole Mecca for Albertans leaving the farm. It will be noted now that some go to our own Alberta cities or to our own little country towns. Family connections have been built up which they are loathe to separate by mountains. Also life here offers greater conveniences, greater comforts than it did in the old days.

#### Goodbye to Many Associations

But when I regret going, I know it is as many another older person might feel. It is in a sense wanting to keep the best years of one's life, and that cannot be. We begin to think of home here in terms of our best years physically, and, if we have a family, of when they were small and with us. We feel it is not merely the saying goodbye to the home of today, the friends of today, but it is goodbye to all the associations of all these years. It is goodbye to all the friends of all the years and we realize afresh what they mean to us.

The years since I came to Alberta have been momentous years in many ways. There have been two devastating world wars, there has been the depression of the thirties, there has been the change to power farming and living, there have been scientific discoveries which have completely changed life in some respects. (A small thing—but our farm homes today are comparatively free of flies!) There have been many social changes brought about fortunately by peaceful methods in this country, if not in some others.

#### Have Been Fortunate

But I feel I have been fortunate in Alberta. I was fortunate in the school and in the community I entered so many years ago, when I first came to the West. I have been fortunate in the husband I found here—or so I tell him at times. I have been fortunate in our children, although probably they too at times wondered if I thought so. I have been fortunate in opportunities offered me which many have not enjoyed. I have been fortunate in the kindness of friends and neighbors.

Of course it has meant at times for me what it has meant for most other Alberta farm women. It has meant at times, hard work, frost, drought and hail. It has meant disappointments in plans, personal and public.

But oh, it has given me much to enjoy, much to laugh at, much to work for, both personally and socially. And I hope I have passed a little on to others.

I thought it was going to mean goodbye to you, but the Norman-Smiths have kindly asked me to keep on a bit longer telling you of what B.C. offers.

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NEW YORK.—The Citrus Exchange has joined with CARE and the Save the Children Federation (a CARE member agency) in a scheme to send fruit juices to children of Europe who badly need added vitamins in their diet. Briefly, the scheme is that if any purchaser of three cans of Texsun grapefruit juice will send the wrappers of the cans to Texsun, Weslaco, Texas, the Texsun organization will send one can of juice to CARE, with the name of the person sending in the wrappers. The juice will be distributed by the Save the Children Federation. The Citrus Exchange is asking other citrus growers and food producers to join in the scheme.

Tests in varieties of tomatoes, harvesting methods, etc., are being made by Ottawa Department of Agriculture, with a view to improving the quality of canned tomato juice.

British clothing ration coupons will now go further, many articles of clothing having been reduced in coupon value.

Conjuring Lake U.F.W.A. (Millet) recently arranged a meeting in the form of a trip to Edmonton, with inspection of a number of industrial plants making an interesting program, writes Mrs. J. C. Deans, secretary.

## Farm Home and Garden

Vitamin D: is needed by every growing child, all the year round, to ensure growth of strong bones and teeth, and to give protection against rickets. Ordinary diet, even when supplemented by sun baths, will not usually provide enough Vitamin D, says the Department of Health and Welfare; it should be taken in the form of cod or halibut liver oil.

Winter Egg Production: Should begin now, by placing of pullets in comfortable houses which can be kept reasonably dry during winter by liberal ventilation. Good insulation helps to prevent formation of frost on walls in the cold weather. A commercial laying concentrate should be used to supplement home grown grain.

Plum Gumbo: Remove pits from 2 quarts plums, add 1 thinly sliced orange and cook slowly for 15 minutes; add 3 cups sugar and cook slowly for another 10 minutes, or until thick. Makes about 2½ pints.

Sour Cream Cake: Beat 2 eggs and 1 cup sugar. Sift 2 cups flour with ½ tsp. soda and 2 tsp. baking powder, and a little salt; add to eggs alternately with 1 cup thick, sour cream; add 1 tsp. vanilla.

Chocolate Clusters: Melt 8 ounces of semi-sweet chocolate in double boiler, and add 2 cups of corn or bran flakes, puffed wheat or puffed rice; stir until well coated with chocolate then drop in small clusters on waxed paper.

Pickardville U.F.W.A. are working for their bazaar, and they also plan a dance for October 15th.

To raise money for delegate's expenses, to one or both of the forthcoming conventions, Griffin Creek U.F.W.A. (Berwyn) are planning a bazaar.

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## Campers' Comment on Gull Lake Event

### Young People Give Their Impressions

MANY letters have been received by Douglas C. Thornton, Educational Director of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative, from young people who attended the first rural leadership camp held by the Co-operative at Gull Lake this summer. High appreciation is expressed of what was achieved at the camp, and suggestions are offered for future camps.

#### Typical Comment

The comment of Eric Axelsson of Wayne is typical. He writes:

In my estimation this camp is one of the best and used one of the best methods to train the young leaders of our communities.

I think what I got the most out of this camp was the Public Speaking course. I would like very much to see the return of the "Play Back", if such a camp were to be held again next year. We learned to criticize each other's speeches, which was also beneficial. Using these two methods certainly gave us an opportunity to hear our mistakes.

I also received a great amount of information on leadership, swimming, sex education, camping out, photography, etc., which, I am sure, those attending this camp will endeavor to pass on to others in their respective communities.

The recreation here was great. It was in the form of volley ball, soft ball, dances, parties, films, etc., which were organized by our newly formed Junior U.F.A. Local with the help of our staff. By the use of this Junior U.F.A. Local we also were taught the correct methods of parliamentary procedure.

#### Great Opportunity

I will recommend this camp to others, as I do believe that it gives a great opportunity for our rural leaders, both for themselves and the betterment of their communities.

I do not think the campers could wish for a better staff than we had, and I recommend them very highly as a staff for next year's camp.

I have no criticism of this camp, as I think it was held as properly as it could be held.

If this camp is held next year and nothing unforeseen happens I will do my utmost to return and learn and have fun.

## Little Folks' Puzzle



Frank and Betty are having lots of fun playing this game. Frank says that he is going to make a ringer. Join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number twenty-six and you will see what game they are playing. Use your crayons on this picture.

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The late summer picnic of Notre Dame U.F.W.A. (North Edmonton), followed by whist drive and dance, proved very pleasant and profitable, writes Mrs. J. F. Henderson, secretary.

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### Junior News Items

A report by Lorne Alton on the Leadership camp at Gull Lake, and the course he took at the Banff School of Fine Arts, was heard with great inter-

est by Westlock-Edison Juniors recently, writes Helen Koffey, secretary.

Initiation ceremonies were to form part of the program for a party arranged by Wainwright Juniors recently, writes Lorna Harding, secretary.



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M2311 - M2393 665 Returns**Terms of Treaty for  
Export of Danish Butter**

COPENHAGEN.—The new Anglo-Danish trade treaty calls for shipment of 60 per cent of Denmark's butter export at the prevailing price of 58 cents per pound, and 90 per cent of the bacon export for four years, the price for the first year to be \$40.48 per cwt.

**Supreme Court to Consider  
Oleo Ban Oct. 15th**

When the Supreme Court of Canada opens its fall session on October 5th at Ottawa, the first item on the list of court business will be a question submitted by the Dominion Government. The Government will ask the Court to decide whether the legislation which bans importation, manufacture and sale of oleomargarine in Canada is valid or not.

**World Wheat Situation**By LEONARD D. NESBITT,  
Superintendent of Publicity,  
Alberta Wheat Pool

In the crop year which ended July 31st, exports of wheat totalled 935 million bushels. While the European crop is much better this year than last year, it is anticipated that the world export trade will continue at a high level, possibly 900 million bushels. The need for bread grains in western Europe remains substantial and reserves are low.

**Bread Grains Outlook**

Europe's 1948 wheat crop is estimated at 1,460 million bushels (445 million larger than the poor 1947 harvest). That continent's rye crop is estimated at 635 million bushels, 140 million larger than last year. Nevertheless, if European people are to be fed with a bread ration on a par with prewar consumption, that continent will require 600 million bushels of imported bread grains.

From a supply standpoint the United States, with a wheat crop of 1,285 million bushels and a carryover of 195 million, could export 450 million bushels. Canada, with a crop of 391 million bushels and a carryover of 76 million, has total supplies on hand of 467 million bushels. That volume could supply an exportable surplus of 235 million bushels. The balance of import requirements for western Europe and elsewhere could be supplied from the southern hemisphere. Soviet Russia and eastern Europe, in view of better production, will likely have some wheat to export this year.

**No Excess Supplies**

It thus can be seen that there are no excess supplies of bread grains in the world today, even although the situation is in better balance than in the past few years. It will take a few years of good crops, particularly in

**Livestock Markets Review**

**CALGARY STOCKYARDS.** Sept. 30.—Cattle market draggy yesterday, very few choice cattle on offer. Hogs steady this week \$33.50 Grade A, sows \$22.75 to \$23, live-weight. Good lambs are \$18.50 to \$19.25, good ewes \$6 to \$7. Good to choice steers \$20 to \$22.25, down to \$15 for common; good heifers \$19 to \$20.50, down to \$14; good cows \$16 to \$16.50, down to \$13; canners and cutters, \$10 to \$12.50; good bulls \$19 to \$19.50, down to \$15; good to choice vealers \$18.50 to \$20, down to \$14 for common.

**EDMONTON STOCKYARDS** Sept. 27th.—Trading last week was somewhat spotty, with demand easing off in the latter part. Shortage of railway stock cars was also a factor. Choice fed calves sold \$21 to \$23; choice steers, \$23 to \$24, down to \$18 for medium; choice heifers, \$21 to \$22, down to \$13 for fair and \$10 for common; good, light cows, \$15.50 to \$16.50, down to \$12 for common; canners and cutters, \$8 to \$12, bulls \$12 to \$20. Grade A hogs for shipment \$34.50, at plants \$33.25. Choice handyweight lambs \$18 to \$19.

**The Dairy Market**

Prices on outside and local markets remain at the ceilings. Locally, prints are 67 cents; butterfat is 69 cents, with deductions of 2 cents per pound for truck cream and 1 cent per pound for train cream (maximum for transportation, 30 cents).

Europe, to build up reserves as a preventative against famine.

The real problem centres around the ability of importing nations to pay for wheat. Europe is an extremely poor continent and simply cannot pay in American dollars. This condition, together with the high prices for wheat prevailing during recent years, has resulted in the trend towards governmental protection and encouragement for European wheat producers. That continent is out to build up its wheat production and to restore its flour milling industries.

**Western Canada's Harvest**

In Western Canada harvesting is nearing completion. Manitoba and Saskatchewan have been favored with better weather than Alberta, and there is not much more threshing to do in those two Provinces. In Southern Alberta threshing is rapidly being cleaned up. Northern Alberta is later, and the Peace River region has suffered from inclement harvest weather.

The total Canadian wheat production is now placed at 391 million bushels, with the production of the Prairie Provinces placed at 358 million bushels—Manitoba 57 million, Saskatchewan 184 million and Alberta 117 million.

**Hatchery Federation  
to Meet in Calgary  
From Oct. 4 to 7th**

Covering many important phases of the hatchery and related industries, an instructive and interesting program has been prepared for the Eleventh Annual Convention of the Federation of Hatchery Associations (Western Section), to be held in the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, during the four days, October 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th inclusive. Representatives of feed and equipment manufacturers, R.O.P. breeders, government officials and others interested in the industry have been invited to attend.

A number of social functions are being arranged, including luncheons and dinners and special events for the ladies. Premier E. C. Manning and Hon. David A. Ure, Minister of Agriculture, will be guest speakers. J. R. Stewart of Calgary, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, points out that the Convention will provide an excellent opportunity for those interested to meet leaders in all phases of the poultry business.

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**Marked Increase****Shipment of Store  
Cattle from Yards**(Special to The Western Farm Leader)  
By M. McDougall

OTTAWA, Sept. 29th.—Reports show that during 1948 there has been marked increase in the shipment of store cattle from stockyards to country points for finishing, the number to the middle of August this year being 64,431, an increase of 41 percent over the same period of last year. Since the export embargo was lifted in mid-August, the percentage is 49.7. There has been also a marked increase in the number of Western cattle to Eastern feedlots, the total to the middle of August being 14,763, an increase of 83.9 per cent over 1947, while in the period following the lifting of the embargo the increase has been 120 percent. It looks as if there will be a good backlog of beef in the coming year. Usually in August there is a seasonal decline in the price of beef, but this didn't occur this year—reason being the lifting of the embargo. As the season advances, however, it is expected that there will be some recession in prices.

**Poultry Exports Up**

Canada's poultry exports are up. In the first eight months of 1948 they aggregated 31,000,000 pounds, compared with 27,000,000 pounds in the whole year 1947. Most of the 1947 export was to Britain, while this year the bulk went to the United States (mostly dressed but with a proportion of live birds).

**Credit Unions' Spectacular Expansion**

This year the credit union scheme passes the century mark in Germany. The first people's bank or credit union in Canada was established at Levis in 1900. By 1939, enabling legislation was general in all Provinces for credit unions to incorporate. Since 1939, the number of credit unions in this country has trebled, the assets are 10 times higher and membership in the unions has increased from 151,554 to 775,129. Loans in 1947 amounted to \$80,000,000, an increase of \$16,000,000 over 1946, and the average savings for the members was \$269.46. The credit union movement has, it is felt, made a very promising showing.

Canada will be importing 15,000,000 pounds of butter before the end of January to ease the seasonal shortage, 11,000,000 being from Denmark and 4,000,000 from Australia and New Zealand. This import is to fill minimum needs, it is stated.

**DIVIDENDS HIGH**

Taking the period 1935-39 to represent 100, dividend payments in Canada stood at 161.8 in June, 1947, and 197.9 in June, 1948, according to the Nesbitt Thomson Index of Dividend Payments.

the Federation are respectively M. F. Pringle, of Calgary, and T. G. Sharpe of Calgary, while the Directors are W. Mufford of Milner, B.C., J. A. Fox of Calgary, K. G. Grant of Saskatoon, and V. C. Soubry of St. Boniface, Man.

After paying share interest, the surplus of British co-operative societies last year was almost forty million pounds, it has recently been announced.

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## POST-WAR CHRONICLE

**Sept. 15th**—Never before has greater care been necessary to avoid war, declares Bevin. U.S. builds new fast combat planes, states Washington.

**Sept. 16th**—UN meets to study Hyderabad situation; Indian troops reported advancing. Britain has reduced trade deficit by half in six months, says Cripps.



CRIPPS

**Sept. 17th**—Bernadotte and aide assassinated by men in Israeli uniform, in Jerusalem. Nizam of Hyderabad surrenders to Indian forces.

**Sept. 18th**—UN security council holds special meeting to deal with Palestine situation.

**Sept. 19th**—Israel moves to break up Stern gang, charged with responsibility for shooting of Bernadotte. Russian occupation forces will soon withdraw from north Korea, states Moscow; asks U.S. to vacate southern part. Social Democrats returned to power in Swedish elections. French assembly votes approval of increased taxation. Communist forces capture Madloen, Indonesia.

**Sept. 20th**—Moscow negotiations suspended; Western foreign ministers confer in Paris. French Communists and De Gaullists agitate for general elections. U.S. announces troops will remain in Korea until UN general assembly considers Korean question. Trygve Lie will press for UN guard to prevent such occurrences as Bernadotte assassination, announced in Paris. Cripps reaches Ottawa; says Britain on the way to prosperity. British House votes to limit Lords' veto powers to one year instead of two, as at present.

**Sept. 21st**—U.S. destroyers to be transferred to Turkey, part of military aid program, reported from Washington. Bernadotte plan for Palestine settlement endorsed by U.S. Russian army paper suggests withdrawal of all occupation forces from Germany. Britain starts refitting of 100 warships.

**Sept. 22nd**—Britain approves Bernadotte proposals for Palestine settlement. Bevin states western powers in accord on policy regarding Berlin situation.

**Sept. 23rd**—Chinese Communist forces enter Tsinan, capital of Shantung



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## Packers' Head Discusses Livestock Price Outlook



Stating that "the outstanding feature of the year was the spectacular advance in the price of all foods, especially livestock and livestock products," J. S. McLean (above), President of Canada Packers, Ltd., in the Annual Report to shareholders for the last fiscal year ended March 31st gives a detailed analysis of the advances which have taken place since the pre-war years. Discussing the possibility that "this may prove to be the year when mounting prices will turn downward," he says that at least one prediction is safe — "that prices of livestock products will not again sink to the levels of the 1930's" because those levels were abnormally low and because "The post-war dollar is equivalent to pre-war 50/60c".

The report shows that dollar sales of the company reached an all-time high of \$238 million for the year ended March 31st last, against \$204 million the preceding year. Weight of products sold being just under 1½ billion lbs., and net profit \$2,182,300, equivalent to 9/10 of one percent of sales or 1/7 cent per lb. of product sold. This indicates, says Mr. McLean, that packing house profits played no part in the rapidly advancing costs of meat. The report sets forth that out of each dollar of sales, the company paid more than 81 cents for livestock and other raw materials; employees received 8½ cents; other expenses and taxes took about 9 cents, leaving a net profit of less than 1 cent on each sales dollar.

province. House of Lords in London for second time turns down Commons bill to restrict its powers; can now be passed in another parliamentary session without going to Lords.

**Sept. 24th**—Associated press despatch (widely headlined) charges Russians carried on anti-aircraft practice in Berlin air corridor for 3½ hours, going up to 10,000 ft. level, where British-American planes fly, but "didn't hit anything"; report proved without foundation, C.B.C. broadcast later announcing denied by U.S. Army in Berlin.

**Sept. 25th**—British, U.S., French foreign ministers meet in Paris to consider Russian reply to joint note on Berlin crisis. Vishinsky urges UN general assembly to set up international armaments control and ban atomic weapons. Hungarian government takes control American-owned oil company, charging output reduced "for political reasons."

**Sept. 26th**—There is no danger of war at present, Shinwell tells English audience.

**Sept. 27th**—U.S., France, Britain, charge Russia with creating threat to peace; will place Berlin blockade before UN Security Council. Bevin tells General Assembly Russia alone would be responsible for a third world war. Arabs and Jews ordered to stop firing at each other, by acting UN mediator Bunche. Cripps goes to Washington to meet U.S. officials and attend meeting of International Bank.

## Consideration Requested

The rush of grain to market has taxed the facilities of many Pool elevators. Unfortunately, a number of good Pool customers have had to deliver their grain elsewhere. Wherever it is possible the Alberta Wheat Pool asks Pool elevator patrons to store their grain until congested conditions in elevators have been relieved.

This year is the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Alberta Wheat Pool. This farmer-owned co-operative is anxious to obtain as much business as possible. Your co-operation in this difficult time will be greatly appreciated.

## Alberta Wheat Pool

**Sept. 28th**—French foreign minister, Schumann, appeals to UN assembly to end blockade of Berlin; Mackenzie King urges international moderation. Defence ministers of Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, agree to establish common defence policy.

**Sept. 29th**—Britain, France, U.S., re-move "emergency" clause from presentation to UN on Berlin blockade; matter expected to come up about end of week. Bunche says Israeli must accept full responsibility for assassination of Bernadotte.

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## MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello Folks!

We see where someone has said that it takes more concentration to hang on to your money than to earn it. Yep, the various governments see to that.

We cull the following from the Fort William Times-Journal: "A New York couple went fishing near Peterborough last week on their 25th wedding anniversary. After fishing for 25 minutes, they hooked a muskie, fought him for 25 minutes and gaffed him. When weighed, the fish was exactly 25 pounds." And, says the kindly Fort William Times-Journal, if anyone thinks the story is fishy, he certainly is entitled to his opinion.

Well, it certainly is a fishy story, but Bob Slym tells us that's the kind of fish he uses for bait when he goes angling at Peterborough.

And while on the subject of finny monsters, just listen to this one. At Lancaster, Pa., Cyrus Dietrich, 14-year-old angler, caught a sucker. He threw it back. Too small.

His next one was a white fish—also too small.

He tossed his line back in and after a while, believing his bait gone, hauled in his line.

Dangling at the end of his hook was a \$5 bill. We suppose it would be all right to refer to that one as a gold fish.

### PSYCHIC

He was a famed psychiatrist.

He knew all mental ills.

He could analyse society

With all its foolish frills.

He thought he'd go duck hunting,

And have a little fun;

But his hunting trip it ended

Before 'twas well begun.

He hid himself into a store

Where sportsmen do equip,

And bought himself a gun and shells,

And boots that top the hip.

Then he drove quickly to the lake,

But came more swiftly back,

For the waterfowl insulted him,

When they cried quack, quack,

quack!

— D.M.H.

Thanks D.M.H., that's a duck of a poem. He should have gone after jack rabbits.

Out at our chicken rawnch we now have only two hens and a rooster, but believe it or not, between 'em they laid three eggs in one day and we'd just like to know whose fault that was.

Knotty Frankie says he met Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, on the way home from a party the other night. He knows she had been to a party because the gal was wearing a hat with dellrum trimmings.

### GENTLEMEN STILL PREFER BLONDES

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A bargain sale, postcards Barney Milstein from Vancouver, is where a woman ruins one dress while she buys another.

### POME

Gather kisses while you may,  
For time brings only sorrow.  
The girls who are free today  
Are chaperones tomorrow.

— Thanks to V.B.

At today's prices, says Cynical Gus, all you need for a nest egg is an egg.

### Awakening

The prairie, drowsily,  
Is baring its brown shoulders to  
the sun;  
And into tattered rags the wind  
is rending  
Its snow-wreathed covering:  
The sun's great kiln hardens and  
seams and cracks  
Its massive hide  
Till rain, with gently kneading  
fingers, smooths  
Its furrowed weathering.  
The huddled willows wait expectantly,  
Bending in supplication  
Or holding up its arms in wild  
beseechment  
To the unknown above . . . 'tis then  
I hear  
Faint voices whispering persistently;  
The fluting of far distant pipes:  
The tap reiterant of dancing feet:  
All sounds reborn that seem to  
rise from nothingness  
And tug at my heart-strings.  
My soul is quickening in glad  
response,  
Knowing that spring again will  
set alight  
Her buds on leafy trees;  
And tiptoe gaily through the  
wazen grass,  
Bestrewing it with beauty and  
romance;  
That woods with tangled melody  
will ring,  
And breezes creep in winding  
labyrinths  
Through virgin haunts.  
Then shall I sense again the  
inward theme  
Of life rejuvenated and continuant,  
When all this wizardry that foils  
the wise  
Awakens to the clarion call of  
spring.

—Helen M. Lloyd, Midnapore

Radiogram from Plato, who, with Barney Milstein, has been sojourning in Vancouver, informs us that when atom bombs start falling they will fall, even as the biblical rain, both on the just and the unjust—minus its proverbial blessing.

Oh yes, and a note from the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest wonders if we use a tripewriter to turn out this column. But we'll leave the editor of this great family journal to answer that one. (Whatever it is you turn out, Sydney, our readers seem to have an appetite for it.—Ed.)

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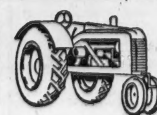
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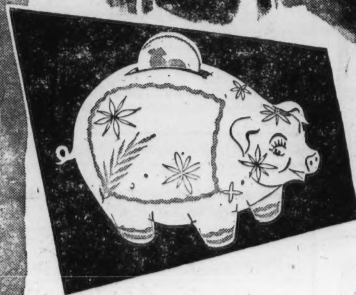
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